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1. An agricultural machinery factory is located at Kharkov. [redacted]
[redacted] the factory [redacted] is [redacted] approximately in the center of the town, west of a wide street which appears to run right through the town and immediately south of the railway line from Poltava.

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2. The factory produces tractor-driven threshing machines and smaller agricultural machines, such as sowers and reapers, as well as other machines, the purpose of which was not known.

3. The factory was equipped with Soviet [] and German machinery. The latter was said to have been partly supplied by [] the Soviet Zone of Germany since the war.

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4. Personnel consisted of Soviet civilians, convicts, and German PWs. Altogether about 5,000 workers were employed in three shifts. All PWs left by May 1950. It was said that during 1949 German engineers were employed at the factory. It was not known if they were PWs or came from the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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Destination of Finished Products

5. The finished machinery was loaded on flatcars and freight cars at various points of the factory, and shipped by the branch railroad line.

Security Measures

6. The factory was surrounded by a high wooden fence. There were no watchtowers. Factory guards in plain clothes were stationed within the factory and at the entrances. Factory passes were examined at the entrances. The German PWs were guarded on their way to and from the factory, but not while at work.

Layout of Factory

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